

REMARKS

After entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9 – 10, 14 – 19, 22 – 24, 76, 78, 80, 82, and 88 – 108 will be pending.

Claim 10 has been amended to correct a clerical error. Claim 83 has been cancelled without prejudice, and claim 108 has been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of claim 83, upon which it previously depended. Support for the amendments may be found, for example, in the originally filed claims. No new matter has been added.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9 – 10, 14 – 19, 22 – 24, 76, 78, 80, 82, and 88 – 107. The Applicants also thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 108 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended claim 108 accordingly, and submit that it is allowable.

Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 83 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,649,077 to Lauchenauer (“Lauchenauer”). The rejection of claim 83 is moot in view of the cancellation of that claim.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that no fees are necessitated by the present paper. However, in the event that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 570-1806.

Respectfully submitted,

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